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What I am referring to of course is the semi-annual demographic disaster known as the roommate exchange, which takes place every semester around this time. That old friend from high school just doesn't dig the fact that you like to walk around the apartment nude quoting Rimbaud. And you don't like her habit of watching I Love Lucy reruns. So it's out on the streets in search of another home for you and your varieagated swedish ivy collection.

— B.J. Roche
The Daily Collegian

Long after classes have ended for the day, at an hour approaching midnight, an anonymous graduate student sits alone in a dimly lit room poring intently over a computer terminal. A sporadic flow of questions and answers alternates between human head and hands and electronic microcircuits. The nature of the communication is deeply rooted in psychological theory. The atmosphere is more akin to that of a patient and his analyst seated in the psychologist's office than to that of a man operating a mere machine in a computer science laboratory.

Abruptly the student rises, his face a contorted mass of horror. Unconsciously his white-knuckled hands open a series of switches ending the interaction. He reels from the room, leaving behind him a forgotten printout bearing the words: Severe mental abnormalities — Will gradually lose the capacity for productive thought.

— Amy Somers
Newspeak

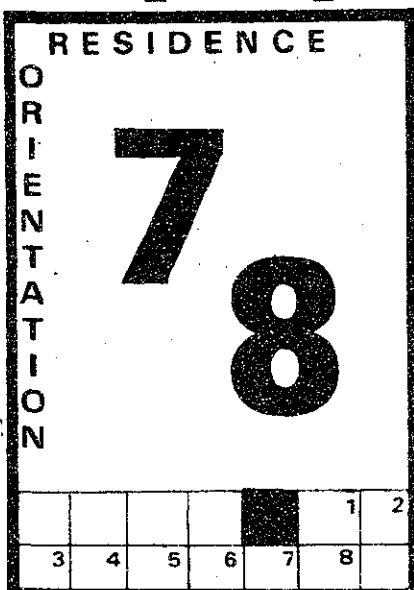
Fraternities prepare for freshmen

By Gordon Haff

Every year, the fraternities reserve a week to ten days before Rush Week for their version of spring cleaning, Work Week. During this period, the average fraternity is buried under paint chips, cartons, and other assorted mess and junk. A visitor to such a house on the first weekend of Work Week can scarcely believe that this is the same house as the spic and span one presented to the freshmen on the following Friday.

The amount of work which needs to be done varies. Particularly in some of the newer buildings, the week is pretty much just a spring cleaning — a sorting out of closets, cleaning of kitchens, and some touchup painting here and there. At others, however, the week can be the end product of a summer of renovation. At one house, which had extensive work done on it this summer, one could barely move for the piles of assorted odds and ends strewn around the house on all floors.

Work Week is also important as a prelude to the Rush. Nightly meetings are held to compare notes from summer talks with freshmen around the country to discuss strategies for the coming weekend. In some houses, these



meetings play a large role in the bidding of freshmen because their summer rush is more important than Rush Week itself. For all this Work Week is not entirely work. The fraternity members get a chance to talk to friends they haven't met all summer. In addition, the Rush Week bashes are often a house's most lavish events of the year. During Rush Week, steak and lobster flow like water (or beer as the case may be) does during the rest of the year. The parties, frequently with live bands, are often among the most expensive which the houses will put on until the following year.



Everyone pitches in to prepare a fraternity for Rush Week so that visiting freshmen see it in its best condition. (Photo by Gordon Haff)

Class of '82 faces housing squeeze

By Jordana Hollander

The MIT campus is preparing to receive about 1,070 freshman today and tomorrow, arriving in varying states of confusion. Initially, they go through the R/O Center and receive temporary housing and a large amount of information about MIT.

Freshman then begin the process of deciding where they want to live. This weekend will be devoted to showing the dormitories and fraternities to the freshmen so that they have a better understanding of the choices open to them. By the beginning of next week, housing assignments will start to be given out.

The class of '82 will face one of the worst overcrowding situations in recent years, however, according to Dean Robert Sherwood of the Office for Student Affairs. The Dean's Office is planning on overcrowding 130 to 140 students, added Sherwood.

These overcrowded rooms will be distributed among the dormitories in about the same pattern as last year, said Sherwood. Burton House will probably be one of the most overcrowded living groups because the rooms are easily crowded and the room assignment process already takes these overcrowded rooms into consideration.

These figures depend on the fraternities having a successful rush this year, Sherwood pointed out. Dave Maurer G, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) Rush Chairman said that the IFC was hoping for about 400 freshman pledges, making it the largest fraternity class ever.

Rush will begin on Friday evening after the Freshman Picnic and bids to freshmen will be extended starting Sunday. This leaves only two days for the fraternities to attain their goal and for the freshman to consider the various fraternities.

If the rush does not do as well

as hoped, however, the dormitory crowding will be even worse, said Sherwood.

In addition to the large number of freshmen entering the housing system, many students are staying in Institute Housing instead of moving off campus and are adding to the overcrowding. According to Sherwood, more upperclassmen are remaining on campus either because they are

more satisfied with their housing or because they have no alternative.

Off campus housing in the Boston and Cambridge areas in the past two weeks has been extremely tight, said Sherwood, partly because of the large number of apartments in Cambridge being turned into condominiums. The Dean's Office is looking into ways of helping stu-

dents find off campus housing, he added.

Unlike last year, there are no new dormitories opening and Zeta Psi, the newly chartered fraternity, will not be established until the fall of 1979. Other measures such as limiting the size of the incoming class will not go into effect until next year, so that no immediate relief for the housing crunch is in sight.

Institute welcomes foreign freshmen

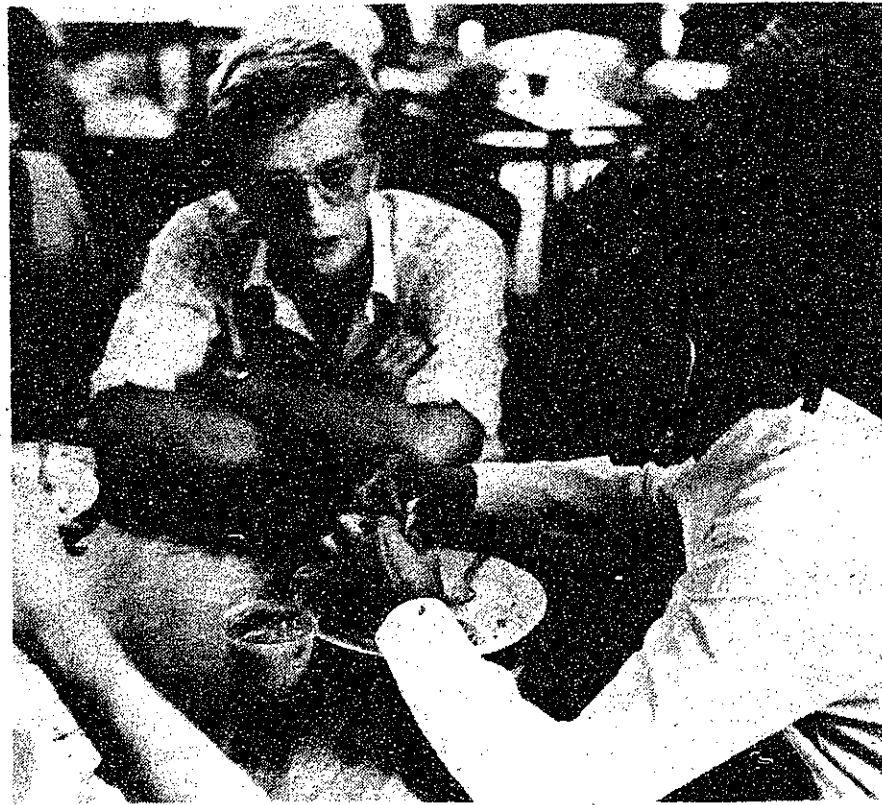
By Michael Taviss

Although the bustle of R/O week is only just beginning, one group of students has already been here for several days taking part in their own orientation program — the foreign freshmen.

The International Students Orientation is being run with the aid of the Foreign Student Office, several student volunteers, most

of them foreign students themselves, and the International Student's Association.

The Foreign Freshmen R/O Coordinator, Binno Louwerenburg '81, from the Netherlands, commented that so far the orientation program for the forty incoming freshmen was running smoothly with no real problems or incidents of "culture shock".



One of the first orientation activities for foreign freshmen was a luncheon held last Tuesday at McCormick Hall. (Photo by Gordon Haff)

He did say that, "This program is emphasizing the fact that there is a city near the campus." The idea is to show new students that they shouldn't let themselves get tied down on campus, according to Louwerenburg.

The overwhelming reason given by foreign students for choosing MIT was its reputation. Ali Ghaznavi '82 of Pakistan said "It's a nice place. Well-known." Rebecca Henderson '82 of London, England stated that MIT was the "best engineering school in the world, I was told." Jeanine Matouk '82, from Trinidad and Tobago, also "heard it's the best engineering school in the world." Maurice Anzallag '82 of France came here "Because it has a very good reputation in France."

The amount of difficulty foreign freshmen encounter getting into MIT depends on their native country. Usually this wasn't the standard financial or academic problems, but the inconvenience of getting out of their own country. Kenneth W. Evans-Lutterodt '82, from Ghana said that "Regulations for getting out of our country are very difficult. I am very lucky to be sitting here. There are lots of restrictions and red tape." Ghaznavi (Pakistan) agreed with him. "My own country's rules and regulations

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arts

Animal House new satire, Panther same old stuff

By Gordon Haff

If there is a characteristic which pervades summer movies, that characteristic is fun. A summer movie is rarely heavy handed or depressing. No one wants to walk off a beach or a tennis court and go into a movie theater which will leave him depressed or worse, thinking. Unfortunately, all too often these summer movies lack something else as well, namely quality.

This summer has been an exception, however. Apparently inspired by the success of last summer's \$9 million "fun" movie, *Star Wars*, the movie industry seems to have discovered that light entertainment doesn't need to be lousy movie making.

While this summer doesn't have a *Star Wars*, it does have quite a number of "worth seeings" — probably no major

academy awards but quite a bit of good entertainment. Following are reviews of two of them.

For pure, degenerate entertainment, *Animal House* is the star of the summer. The entire film is *National Lampoon's* satire at its best although surprisingly enough not at its crudest.

The movie is about the exploits of the Deltas, the "worst house on campus" at Faber College in 1962. It certainly has the potential to be the big hit of the summer among the group that it is aimed at. Some of the incredible scenes in the movie are actually very near the truth. In one scene a motorcycle roars up the stairs, more than vaguely reminiscent of a scene I remember from last R/O Week.

One of the film's strong points is the range of its humor. Some scenes like Blufarski going through a cafeteria line or

chugging a fifth of whiskey are just plain funny. However, other scenes are funny because of their satire. You laugh at them because they are so close to the truth.

The film as a whole is a beautifully orchestrated mixture of these two types of humor. In conjunction with acting that as a whole is more than adequate in general and very good in the case of John Belushi, the humor makes for a film which is funny for anyone who can appreciate its humor and nothing short of hilarious for someone in the environment it depicts.

Expect a lot of toga parties this fall.

For more innocent entertainment, there is *The Revenge of the Pink Panther* which suffers from only one major flaw: it is just another *Pink Panther*. Not that there is anything particularly wrong with this one, in fact there are a number of very well done scenes. A few, particularly Clouseau's

imitation of an American gangster including cotton balls in the cheeks may be among the funniest in the series.

However, for the most part, the film is not surprisingly a continuation of a profitable formula complete with all the tried and true routines. Particularly for a viewer who has seen the others in the series, it is a formula which begins to lose its humor at this point in time. The movie is still not boring by any means, rather one laughs at the individual gags rather than at the film as whole with the result that the viewer leaves the theater feeling a certain emptiness which a truly funny movie should not leave.

In short, although Peter Sellers is as good as ever, the *Pink Panther* series needs a transfusion of something a bit more substantial that Dyan Cannon and a few new gags, good as those minor additions may be.

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World

Pope John Paul will walk — In order to show himself as a pastor of the church rather than a monarch, Pope John Paul I will walk to the Mass that will consecrate his pontificate on Sunday. This is in place of being carried on a portable throne by twelve men.

China offers oil sale to US — The People's Republic of China recently approached Gulf Oil with an offer to sell its crude oil, or to trade the oil for automobiles.

Nation

Nation's governors meet in Boston — Despite high inflation and the taxpayer revolt, the nation's governors voted for moderation and turned aside several budget-cutting proposals last Tuesday.

State

Inmates on strike — Walpole State Prison Superintendent Fred Butterworth met with striking inmates to discuss the list of eighteen demands submitted to prison officials by the inmates last weekend.

Sports

Long run ends — Dave McGillivray has completed his 3,452-mile trip from Medford, Oregon to Medford, Massachusetts. McGillivray ran the entire distance in eighty days.

— By Michael Taviss

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Many foreigners study at MIT

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were tough (to pass through)."
Henderson (England) and Matouk (Trinidad and Tobago) both claimed, however, that they had no trouble at all leaving their respective nations. Neither did they, or anyone else, have any more than minor difficulties entering the United States.

Although they'd only been here a day or so, some of the freshmen already had opinions about MIT. Henderson said, "I like the people but found the place a bit depressing." She blamed this on the fact that it was raining on the day she

arrived. Matouk said that so far her stay has been "Terrific. No complaints." While Amzallag commented that "It is nice," he also added that "It's unusual. I'm not used to the American way (yet)."

The majority of the foreign freshmen questioned stated that at present their prospective majors would probably be in Electrical Engineering or Computer Science. There were some, though, who expressed interest in Chemical Engineering, Astronautics, Medicine, and Management.

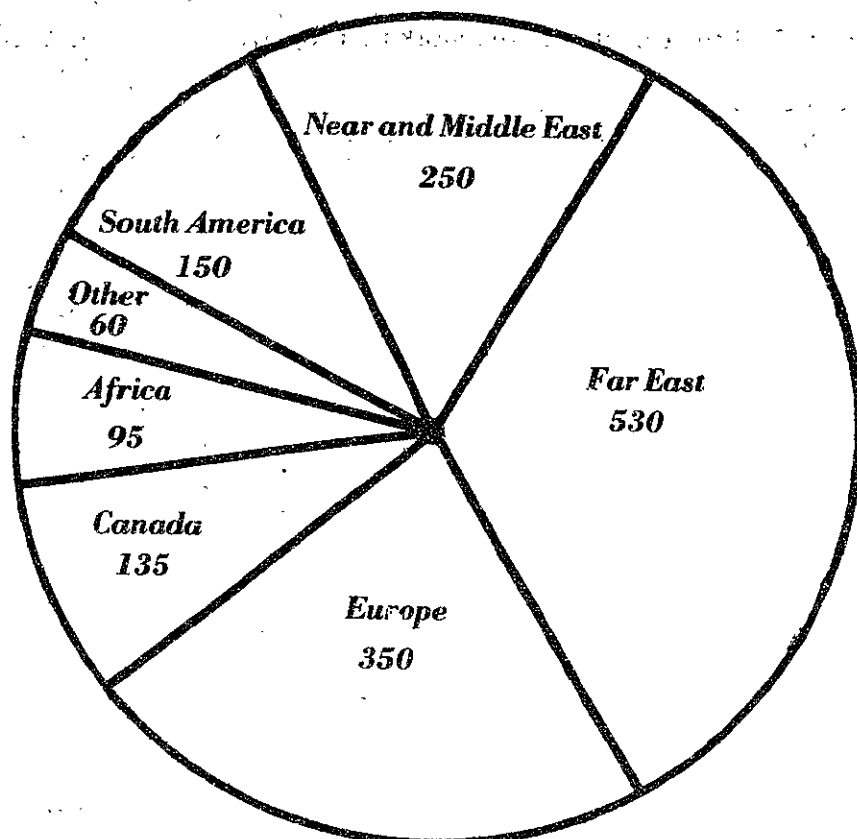
The proportion of foreign students among the entire MIT student body is about twenty percent, which is one of the highest among American universities. Roughly three quarters of these are graduate students.

The three nations with the most foreign students at MIT are Canada, the Republic of China, and Iran, in that order.

In the graduate departments of Ocean Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Nuclear Engineering, and Aeronautics almost half of the students are foreign students.



Binno Louwerenburg '81 of the Netherlands was this year's Foreign Freshmen R/O Coordinator and helped run last Tuesday's luncheon for the new students. (Photo by Gordon Haff)



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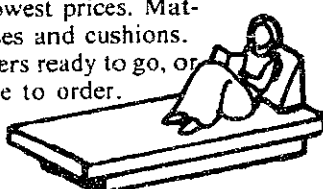
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Campus Patrol: x3-1212 or x5-8191

GREETINGS

This is the first issue of this year's *The Daily Confusion*, a newsletter published daily during R/O Week. Our purpose is to provide up-to-date information on activities, meetings, and other events, and to publish information that might be useful to you, the incoming students.

All information for *The Daily Confusion* should be submitted at *The Tech's* newsroom (W20-483) by 2pm the day preceding the publication date.

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INFORMATION

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Students, Faculty and Staff members, who can temporarily house single students or families are asked to call Off-Campus Housing, x3-1493, to list their accommodations.

Transfer students are welcome at all freshman activities.

On request, fraternities will provide transportation for freshpeople back to campus or to another frat. In addition, the Campus Patrol (x3-1212) will provide escort service to and from WILG, ADP, and Random Hall at night.

In emergency dial 100 from any MIT phone.

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ATO should be 253-7764.

ODDS AND ENDS

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Come visit the ESG Information Table in the Student Center, 11am-4pm.

Experimental Study Group Open House, 9am-9pm in room 24-612. Drop by and visit us — we provide refreshments, company, and information about ESG.

Come meet with people from the Christian groups on campus in Room 7-106, from 9am to 5:30pm.

Come browse through Christian books at the Christian book table in Building 10 Lobby from 10am to 2pm.

EATING

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THURSDAY

All day Freshmen arrive.
8am Navy ROTC physical fitness test in duPont Gymnasium.
8:30pm-4:30pm Fill out medical forms in room 407, Student Center if you haven't done so already.
9am-9pm Airport Shuttle operates.
9am-11pm R/O Center open.
10am Foreign Transfer Students' meeting with Mr. Chamberlain in Private Dining Room #3, Student Center.
1,2,3,4pm Tours of MIT leave from the front of the Student Center.
3-4pm Tours of MIT for parents and freshman leave from Building 7 Lobby.
3:30pm Foreign Student tea party in Ashdown.
6:30-8:30pm Volleyball on East Briggs Field.

8:30pm-12midnight "Lobdell Lounge": a place to relax and chat with other freshman. Music, munchies, and soda (all free) in Lobdell Dining Hall, second floor, Student Center.

Living Groups

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12noon-? Nu Delta After you check in at the R/O Center, stop by for food, drink, and conversation.

FRIDAY

All day More Freshmen arrive.
8am-12midnight R/O Center open.
8:30am-4:30pm Fill out medical forms in Room 407, Student Center if you haven't done so already.
9am-3pm Airport Shuttle operates.
1,2,3pm Tours of MIT leave from the front of the Student Center.
3-4pm Tours of MIT for parents and freshman leave from Building 7 Lobby.
3-4pm Parent Hospitality hour in the Mezzanine Lounge, Student Center.
3pm Pre-picnic discussion groups in Killian Court (Rain location: duPont Gymnasium).
4:30pm Freshman Picnic in Killian Court (Rain location: duPont Gymnasium).
4:30pm MIT Hillel: A table of Kosher food will be available at the Freshman Picnic.
6:30pm Fraternity Rush begins.
6:30pm-12midnight Harbor in Private Dining Room #2, Student Center third floor.
7pm MIT Hillel Traditional Shabbat services in the Kosher Kitchen, 50-005.
7-8:30pm United Christian Fellowship (IVCF) regular meeting. Prayer, praise, bible study, and singing in Room 1-236.
10pm MIT Hillel Oneg Shabbat.

the roof (weather permitting); music to be served.
6:30pm ZBT Wine and cheese party.
6:30pm AEPI Ice Cream Party stocked by the famous Steve's Ice Cream and Emack and Bolio's. Make your own sundaes.
6:30pm PDT Beer and Pizza party
6:30pm ADP "The Casbah Experience", featuring live arabesque band, belly dancers, and a sorcerer.
6:30pm No.6 Club Party.
7pm Sig Ep Pizza, beer, and munchies.
7pm BTP Beer and pizza party.
7pm PLP Vatoushkina Party. Light refreshment. For rides or info call 247-7775.
7pm PKS Exotic beers and deli.
7pm PSK Open bar party.
7pm PKT Informal party: music, dancing, munchies, drinks.
7pm Nu Delta Wine, cheese, and conversation.
8-9:30pm McCormick Informal party: music, dancing, munchies, drinks.
9:30pm Nu Delta Presumptuous Pizza Party (well, sumptuous).
10pm ZBT Entertainment by the *Loco-Motion Circus* (juggling and acrobatics).
11pm ZBT The Great Pyramid of Ice Cream.
11:55pm Fenway House Nuclear Countdown.

Living Groups

All morning Nu Delta Stop by after you check in at the R/O Center.
6:30pm Kappa Sigma Wine and cheese party on 9am Burton House Breakfast.
1pm-1am Freitag: Bier, Essen usw., im **Deutschen Haus**, 476 Memorial Dr., (Neu Haus-Bldg.6). Alle Deutschsprechenden herzlich eingeladen. x5-7668.
6:30pm Theta Xi Pizza, beer, make your own sundaes, music, open bar, and conversation. Call Chuck at 266-4363 for rides.



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